I'm new to Amateur Radio (licensed in Feb 03). I am a emergency communications radio operator for the city of Hampton, VA. Although I like the idea of BPL in general terms, I cannot imagine approving a technology that promises to effectively wipe out the Amateur Radio operations in the United States. Please do not proceed with this action! If BPL can be fielded with tighter RFI constraints that will eliminate the effect on amateur radio, then I am all for it. Otherwise it sounds like you are selling our nations emergency communications back-up capability to the highest bidder. The Amateur Radio is not able to match the resources of these big businesses and we need you to help protect this valuable resource.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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